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To establish a National Autism Spectrum Disorders Initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Smith of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. Doyle) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "National Autism Spec-
- 5 trum Disorders Initiative Act of 2011".
- 6 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL AUTISM SPEC-
- 7 TRUM DISORDERS INITIATIVE.
- 8 Part R of title III of the Public Health Service Act
- 9 (42 U.S.C. 280i et seq.) is amended—

1	(1) by redesignating section 399E (42 U.S.C.
2	280i-4) as section 399FF; and
3	(2) by inserting after section 399DD the fol-
4	lowing:
5	"SEC. 399EE. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL AUTISM
6	SPECTRUM DISORDERS INITIATIVE.
7	"(a) In General.—There is established in the Office
8	of the Secretary of Health and Human Services the Na-
9	tional Autism Spectrum Disorders Initiative (referred to
10	in this Act as the 'Initiative'). The principal goal of the
11	Initiative is to improve the lives of persons with autism
12	spectrum disorders through research focused on preven-
13	tion, treatment, services, and cures.
14	"(b) Duties of the Secretary Under the Ini-
15	TIATIVE.—The Secretary (or the Secretary's designee)
16	shall—
17	"(1) act as the primary Federal official with re-
18	sponsibility for overseeing all research on autism
19	spectrum disorders conducted or supported by the
20	National Institutes of Health;
21	"(2) approve the strategic plan described in sec-
22	tion 399CC(b)(5) and be responsible for its imple-
23	mentation;
24	"(3) receive directly from the President and the
25	Director of the Office of Management and Budget

- all funds available for autism spectrum disorder activities of the National Institutes of Health;
- "(4) from the amounts received under paragraph (3) for the fiscal year, allocate, in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, to the agencies of the National Institutes of Health in accordance with the strategic plan all amounts available for such year for carrying out autism spectrum disorder activities;
 - "(5) to the extent practicable, allocate amounts under paragraph (4) not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives the amounts described under paragraph (3);
 - "(6) have authority to reallocate up to 3 percent of the total amount allocated under paragraph
 (4) as needs change and opportunities arise;
 - "(7) plan and evaluate research and other activities related to autism spectrum disorders conducted or supported by the agencies of the National Institutes of Health, evaluating the activities of each of such agencies and providing for the periodic reevaluation of such activities;
 - "(8) maintain communications with all relevant departments and agencies of the Federal Govern-

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1	ment to ensure the timely transmission of informa-
2	tion concerning autism spectrum disorders; and
3	"(9) carry out this subsection in consultation
4	with the heads of the agencies of the National Insti-
5	tutes of Health, with the advisory councils of such
6	agencies, and with the Interagency Autism Coordi-
7	nating Committee.
8	"(c) Sunset Provision.—This section shall not
9	apply after the date that is 7 years after the date of the
10	enactment of this section.".
11	SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF
12	HEALTH WITH RESPECT TO AUTISM SPEC-
13	TRUM DISORDERS.
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1	cent strategic plan for autism spectrum
2	disorders of the Interagency Autism Co-
3	ordinating Committee established under
4	section 399CC" before the period at the
5	end of the second sentence; and
6	(B) by adding at the end the following:
7	"(6) Definition.—In this section, the term
8	'translational', with respect to research, means em-
9	phasizing the development and delivery of effective
10	new therapies to patients."; and
11	(3) in subsection (c), by inserting ", biosamples
12	relevant to environmental exposures," after "tis-
13	sues".
14	SEC. 4. CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS WITH RESPECT TO AU-
15	TISM INTERVENTION.
16	Section 399BB(f) of the Public Health Service Act
17	(42 U.S.C. 280i–1(f)) is amended—
18	(a) by inserting "to research networks" after "con-
19	tracts"; and
20	(b) by striking "interventions for individuals" and in-
21	serting "interventions to improve the physical and behav-
22	ioral health and well-being of individuals".

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